



**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**National Institute of Food and Agriculture**

**7 CFR Part 3434**

**RIN 0524-AA39**

**Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACU)**

**Certification Process**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment to NIFA regulations updates the list of institutions that are granted Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACU) certification by the Secretary and are eligible for HSACU programs for the period starting October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.

**DATES:** This rule is effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*] and applicable beginning October 1, 2021.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

***HSACU Institutions for Fiscal Year 2019:*** This rule makes changes to the existing list of institutions in appendix B of 7 CFR part 3434. The list of institutions is amended to reflect the institutions that are granted HSACU certification by the Secretary and are eligible for HSACU programs for the period starting October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.

**Certification Process:** As stated in 7 CFR 3434.4, an institution must meet the following criteria to receive HSACU certification:

(1) Be a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), (2) offer agriculture-related degrees, (3) not be designated an 1862 land-grant institution, (4) not appear on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), (5) be accredited, and (6) award at least 15% of agriculture-related degrees to Hispanic students over the two most recent academic years.

NIFA obtained the latest report from the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics that lists all HSIs and the degrees conferred by these institutions (completion data) during the 2019-20 academic year. NIFA used this report to identify HSIs that conferred a degree in an instructional program that appears in appendix A of 7 CFR part 3434 and to confirm that over the 2018-19 and 2019-20 academic years at least 15% of the degrees in agriculture-related fields were awarded to Hispanic students. NIFA further confirmed that these institutions were nationally accredited.

The updated list of HSACUs is based on (1) completions data from 2018-19 and 2019-20, and (2) enrollment data from Fall 2020. NIFA identified 206 institutions that met the eligibility criteria to receive HSACU certification for FY 2022 (October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022).

Section 7102 of the Agriculture Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334) amended Section 1404(14) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103(14)) to remove the opt-in, opt-out language for Hispanic Serving

Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACU) in order to apply for Non-Land-Grant College of Agriculture (NLGCA) designation.

**Appeal Process:** As set forth in 7 CFR 3434.8, NIFA will permit HSIs that are not granted HSACU certification to submit an appeal within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

**Classification:** This rule relates to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts. Accordingly, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity for comment are not required, and this rule may be made effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. This rule also is exempt from the provisions of Executive Order 12866. This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq., or the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 et seq., and thus is exempt from the provisions of those Acts. This rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

#### **List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 3434**

Administrative practice and procedure; Agricultural research, education, extension; Hispanic-serving institutions; Federal assistance

Accordingly, title 7 part 3434 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as set forth below:

#### **PART 3434—HISPANIC-SERVING AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

1. The authority citation for part 3434 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 3103.

2. Revise appendix B to part 3434 to read as follows:

**Appendix B to Part 3434—List of HSACU institutions, 2021–2022**

The institutions listed in this appendix are granted HSACU certification by the Secretary and are eligible for HSACU programs for the period starting October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. Institutions are listed alphabetically under the State of the school's location, with the campus indicated where applicable.

**Arkansas (1):**

Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas

**Arizona (10):**

Arizona Western College

Central Arizona College

Cochise County Community College District

Glendale Community College

Mesa Community College

Northern Arizona University

Phoenix College

Pima Community College

Rio Salado College

South Mountain Community College

**California (87):**

Allan Hancock College

American River College

Antelope Valley College

Bakersfield College

Butte College

Cabrillo College

California Baptist University  
California Lutheran University  
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona  
California State University-Bakersfield  
California State University-Channel Islands  
California State University-Chico  
California State University-East Bay  
California State University-Fresno  
California State University-Fullerton  
California State University-Long Beach  
California State University-Los Angeles  
California State University-Monterey Bay  
California State University-Northridge  
California State University-Sacramento  
California State University-San Bernardino  
California State University-San Marcos  
California State University-Stanislaus  
Canada College  
Chaffey College  
Citrus College  
College of San Mateo  
College of the Sequoias  
Cosumnes River College  
Cuesta College  
Cuyamaca College  
Cypress College  
El Camino Community College District  
Fresno City College

Fullerton College

Glendale Community College

Golden West College

Hartnell College

Humboldt State University

Imperial Valley College

Las Positas College

Lassen Community College

Long Beach City College

Los Angeles City College

Los Angeles Mission College

Los Angeles Pierce College

Merced College

MiraCosta College

Mission College

Modesto Junior College

Monterey Peninsula College

Moorpark College

Mt San Antonio College

Napa Valley College

Orange Coast College

Oxnard College

Palo Verde College

Palomar College

Porterville College

Reedley College

Riverside City College

Sacramento City College

Saddleback College  
Saint Mary's College of California  
San Bernardino Valley College  
San Diego City College  
San Diego Mesa College  
San Diego State University  
San Francisco State University  
San Joaquin Delta College  
San Jose State University  
Santa Ana College  
Santa Barbara City College  
Santa Monica College  
Santa Rosa Junior College  
Sonoma State University  
Southwestern College  
University of California-Irvine  
University of California-Riverside  
University of California-Santa Barbara  
University of California-Santa Cruz  
University of Redlands  
Ventura College  
West Hills College-Coalinga  
West Los Angeles College  
Whittier College  
Woodland Community College

**Connecticut (1):**

Gateway Community College

**Colorado (5):**

Colorado State University Pueblo  
Community College of Denver  
Metropolitan State University of Denver  
Pueblo Community College  
Trinidad State Junior College

**Florida (9):**

Broward College  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida International University  
Indian River State College  
Miami Dade College  
Nova Southeastern University  
Palm Beach State College  
University of Central Florida  
Valencia College

**Georgia (1):**

Georgia Gwinnett College

**Illinois (6):**

City Colleges of Chicago-Richard J Daley College  
College of Lake County  
Dominican University  
North Park University  
Northeastern Illinois University  
University of Illinois Chicago

**Kansas (1):**

Seward County Community College

**Massachusetts (1):**



Bunker Hill Community College

**Nevada (2) :**

College of Southern Nevada

University of Nevada-Las Vegas

**New Jersey (8) :**

College of Saint Elizabeth

Essex County College

Hudson County Community College

Kean University

Montclair State University

Passaic County Community College

Rutgers University-Newark

William Paterson University of New Jersey

**New Mexico (8) :**

Central New Mexico Community College

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell Campus

New Mexico Highlands University

Northern New Mexico College

Santa Fe Community College

University of New Mexico-Los Alamos Campus

University of New Mexico-Main Campus

Western New Mexico University

**New York (10) :**

CUNY Bronx Community College

CUNY City College

CUNY Hostos Community College

CUNY Hunter College

CUNY LaGuardia Community College

CUNY Lehman College

CUNY Queens College

Mercy College

Rockland Community College

SUNY Westchester Community College

**North Carolina (1):**

James Sprunt Community College

**Puerto Rico (17):**

Instituto Tecnológico de Puerto Rico-Recinto de Manatí

Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Aguadilla

Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Bayamón

Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Guayama

Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Ponce

Inter American University of Puerto Rico-San Germán

Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico-Arecibo

Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico-Ponce

Universidad Ana G. Méndez-Carolina Campus

Universidad Ana G. Méndez-Cupey Campus

Universidad Ana G. Méndez-Gurabo Campus

Universidad Ana G. Méndez-Online Campus

University of Puerto Rico-Arecibo

University of Puerto Rico-Humacao

University of Puerto Rico-Medical Sciences

University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras

University of Puerto Rico-Utuado

**Texas (33):**

Amarillo College

Angelo State University

Austin Community College District  
Cedar Valley College  
Dallas College  
Frank Phillips College  
Lee College  
Lone Star College System  
Odessa College  
Palo Alto College  
Saint Edward's University  
Sam Houston State University  
San Antonio College  
Southwest Texas Junior College  
St. Mary's University  
Sul Ross State University  
Tarrant County College District  
Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi  
Texas A & M University-Kingsville  
Texas State Technical College  
Texas State University  
Texas Woman's University  
The University of Texas at Arlington  
The University of Texas at Austin  
The University of Texas at El Paso  
The University of Texas at San Antonio  
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
University of Houston  
University of Houston-Clear Lake  
University of the Incarnate Word

Wayland Baptist University

Western Texas College

Wharton County Junior College

**Washington (4):**

Big Bend Community College

Perry Technical Institute

Wenatchee Valley College

Yakima Valley College

**Wisconsin (1):**

Mount Mary University

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